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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: FOURTH COMMITTEE: ITEM 25: GUAM

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1. ON NOVEMBER 11, INDONESIA PERM REP SANI INFORMED AMBASSADOR BENNETT THAT THE GOI WOULD NOT REP NOT BE ABLE TO COSPONSOR THE RESOLUTION ON GUAM BECAUSE OF INDONESIA'S POSITION OPPOSING THE PRESENCE OF MILITARY BASES. SANI SAID THAT IF THE RESOLUTION COULD BE AMENDED SO THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE MILITARY BASES ARE "TEMPORARY," THE GOI MIGHT BE ABLE TO COSPONSOR.

2. ON NOVEMBER 11, BENNETT SOUGHT COSPONSORSHIP FROM MALAYSIAN PERM REP ZAITON, WHO GAVE NO HOPE THAT MALAYSIA WOULD BE ABLE TO COSPONSOR. HE SAID THAT, WHILE THE
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GOM PRIVATELY SUPPORTED THE MAINTENCE OF US BASES

ON GUAM, THEY WOULD NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO DO SO PUBLICLY. ZAITON REFERRED TO MALAYSIAN SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION ON GUAM LAST YEAR AND THE NECESSITY OF AVOIDING THE APPEARANCE OF NAY CHANGE IN POLICY ON MILITARY BASES. HE, LIKE THE INDONESIAN, SUGGESTED THAT THE REFERENCE TO MILITARY BASES BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE WORD "TEMPORARY".

3. HE CONTINUED THAT IF MALAYSIA COSPONSORED AND AN AMENDMENT WITH STRONGER LANGUAGE ON THE MILITARY BASES ON GUAM. WHY, HE WENT ON, MALAYSIA MIGHT BE SEEN TO BE "PRO-AMERICAN". HE SAID THAT MALAYSIA'S POSITION AS A NEUTRAL AND NONALIGNED STATE MILITATED AGAINST THE GOM BEING PUT IN SUCH A POSIION. BENNETT TOOK ISSUE WITH ZAITON'S STATEMENT ON THE UNDESIRABILITY OF MALAYSIA APPEARING TO BE "PRO-AMERICAN" IF IT ACTED AS A COSPONSOR AND COMMENTED ON THE UNFORTUNATE WILLINGNESS OF THE MODERATE NON-ALIGNED TO LET THEMSELVES BE PUSHED OFF THEIR POSITIONS BY PRESSURE FROM THE MILITANTS. ZAITON CONTINUED THAT IF CURRENT DRAFT OF THE RESOLUTION WERE AMENDED TO BECOME "TOO STRONG", MALAYSIA WOULD ABSTAIN.

COMMENT: THE POSITION OF SANI OF INDONESIA WAS NOT DIFFERENT IN SUBSTANCE FROM THAT OF MALAYSIAN PERM REP. HOWEVER, SANI IS MORE EXPERIENCED IN UN JARGON, AND HIS LANGUAGE WAS LESS BLUNT AND OPEN.

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